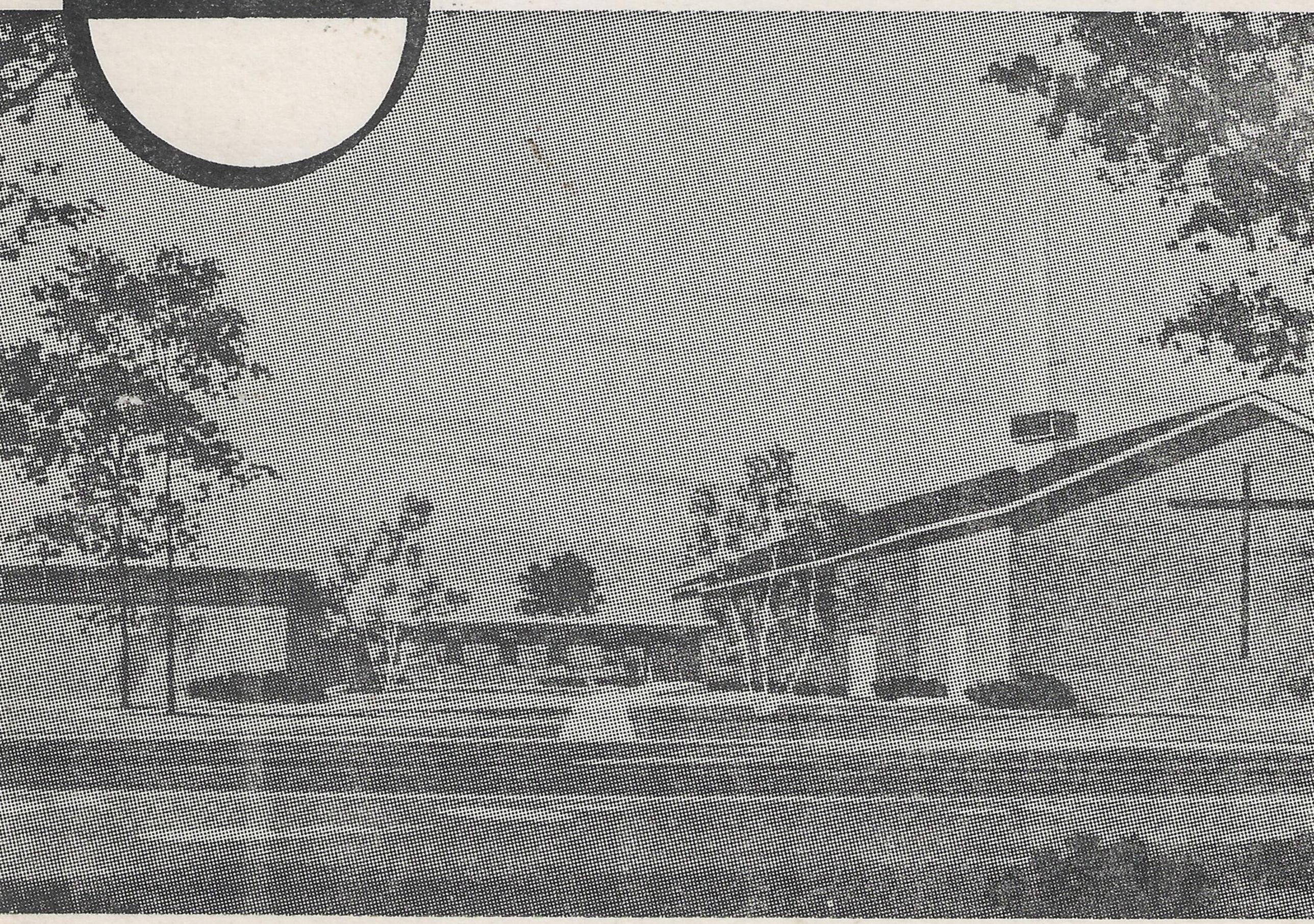
HOPE

United Church of Christ

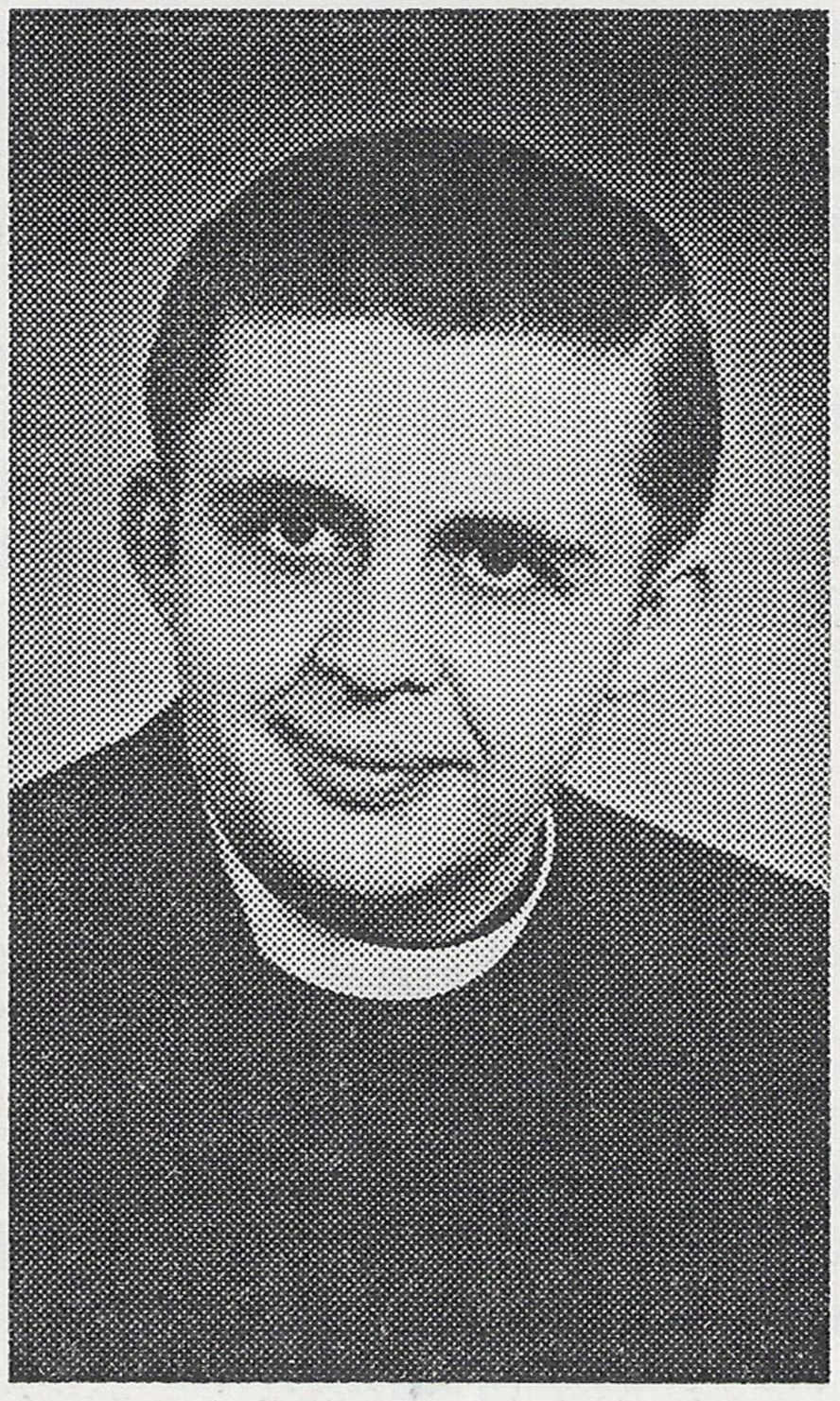
Wind Gap, Pa.



DEDICATION WEEK

September 21 - 28, 1969

Pastor's Message



WE OF Hope United Church of Christ rejoice in the fact that after years of planning and hard work our hopes and dreams have now become a reality as we enter our new house of worship. God chose us to build a house for His sanctuary. We worked diligently and with His help were able to accomplish this task. Many meetings of various committees together with special volunteer work projects have brought us to this point. "For the People had a mind to work".

This new building will hold a special significance in our lives and in the lives of those who follow. It is here that we shall meet in a very specific encounter the One who gave us life as we enter into worship. It is here that the Good News in Jesus Christ shall be revealed. As the Body of Christ, God's chosen people, here we shall gain the information and inspiration through which faith becomes vital in all of life.

We feel a sense of pride in this building just as a craftsman has pride in a fine tool. But we must never forget that a fine tool can be used carelessly. It is the product produced by the craftsman using the tool that is of greatest importance. It is the lives and the faith of people in this community, touched by the congregation properly using our new facilities which will determine its real value.

Our entrance into this new building reminds us also of the entrance of a new era in the history of Hope United Church of Christ and her ministry to this area. As we faced with great devotion the task of building the church in a material way let us look to the building of the spiritual church. We face the future with hope, realizing that our task is not complete but an ongoing program of worship, Christian education and fellowship. May God give us the wisdom to do His Work and guide all the labors of this congregation.

An Invitation To Our Community

Hope United Church of Christ extends a warm welcome to everyone who desires to participate in its fellowship. The doors of Hope are open to all persons who accept the obligations of membership in the church of Jesus Christ without any restriction as to race, class or ethnic background.

We believe that this congregation should help to influence the actions, the thoughts, and the beliefs of the people within our community. We trust that a co-operative spirit will be developed between this church and the community in which it serves.

Some Facts of Hope United Church of Christ

Hope UCC is one of the newest congregations in Wind Gap, although it has a history that dates back to the middle of the eighteenth century when the first German Reformed Church was organized in Plainfield Township. This new congregation which was organized on March 10, 1968, is the result of two mergers which have occurred within the last nine years.

The first merger took place in 1959 when the Welsh Salem Congregational Church united with the Trinity Evangelical and Reformed Church to form Trinity-Salem United Church of Christ. The Welsh Congregational Church dated back to 1890 while the Trinity Reformed Church was formed in 1903. In 1933 the Trinity Reformed and Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church built a new union church building.

In the early 1960's a study committee was appointed by the Lutheran Council and the UCC Consistory to study the union situation at Trinity Union Church. On June 20, 1965 the study committee recommended that the congregations separate and the UCC congregation sell their equity in the building to the Lutheran Congregation. This was approved by each congregation by October 3, 1965. The Articles of Agreement for the dissolution were signed on Sunday, March 27, 1966. From then until January 28, 1968, the UCC remained at Trinity on a rental basis at which time they merged with St. Peter's UCC congregation and began worshipping at St. Peter's Church.

A similar study committee was formed at St. Peter's during the time that Trinity was undergoing dissolution and the recommendation to dissolve that union was agreed upon by both

congregations in June of 1967. The Articles of Agreement were signed on December 10, 1967 at which time St. Peter's UCC and Trinity-Salem UCC decided to merge and form a new congregation.

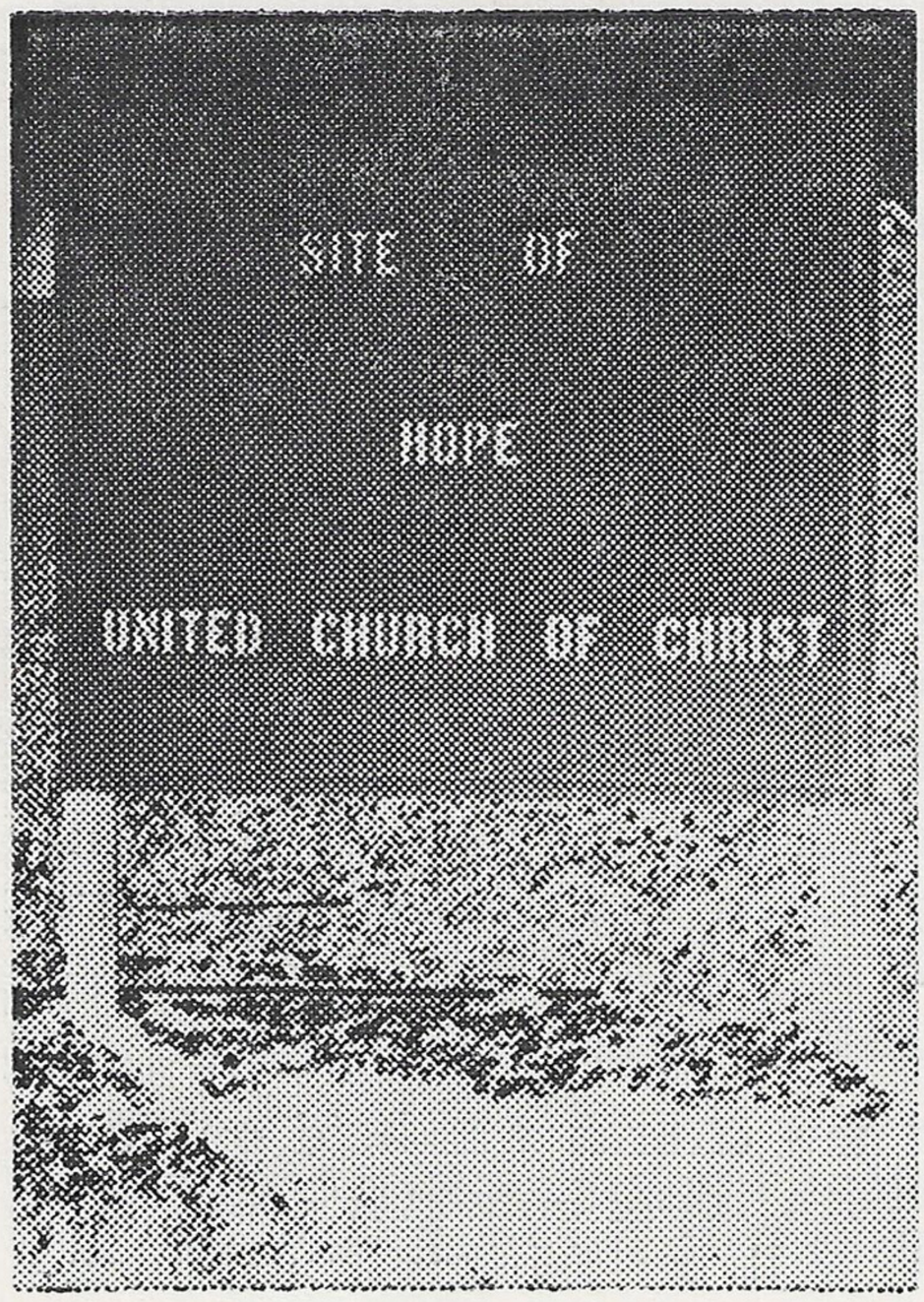
During the summer of 1967, committees were appointed to build a new church and finance the project. In September of 1967 these two congregations began their first venture together as they conducted a successful financial campaign. By December a Constitution and By Laws Committee had been appointed to draw up articles by which the new congregation would operate. The name Hope was approved for the congregation at a meeting on March 10, 1968. Two weeks later the constitution and bylaws were adopted.

Sunday, June 9th, was a time for rejoicing as the two congregations held a service of merger. At that service, a picture of the new church was unveiled.

The groundbreaking for our new church was held on Sunday afternoon, August 25, 1968 with representatives from our Conference and Association, as well as friends and members of our church attending. The highlight of the ceremony was the participation of all those present pulling a plow guided by Ralph Kemmerer, who formerly owned and farmed this land.

The Cornerstone was laid on April 20, 1969. The contents of the cornerstone are as follows: Holy Bible RSV; Heidelberg Catechism; Bulletin of the Cornerstone Laying Ceremony; pictures of the church building; 75th Anniversary of Wind Gap; History of Plainfield Lutheran Church by L. B. Klick; Bulletin of Trinity Lutheran 75th Anniversary; History of the Plainfield Church by Rev. Brong, 1909; Dedication Services at St. Peter's, 10-15-1919; Dedication Services of Trinity Church, 12-31-1933; Dedication of Faith Church, 12-4 to 10-1960; The Order for Ordination of a Minister 5-18-1958; Annual Reports of Faith, St. Peter's, and Trinity-Salem for 1965 and 1966; 1967 Annual Report of St. Peter's and Trinity-Salem; 1968 Annual Report of Hope Church; Membership Directory; 13 copies of Parish Notes and News; coins from Holland; 1968 U.S. Coins 50-25-10-5-1; 1969 U.S. Coins 50-10-1; Brochure for Building Campaign; List of Building Committee; Brochure for Memorials Campaign; Merger Service Trinity-Salem and St. Peter's; Membership Directory, June 9, 1968; Service of Dissolution Trinity Union Church; Service of Dissolution St. Peter's Union Church; Six Sunday Bulletins; Constitution and By-Laws of Hope UCC; 1968 Baccalaureate Service of Pen Argyl High School; and bulletin from Service of Christian Unity, 1969.

THE GENESIS



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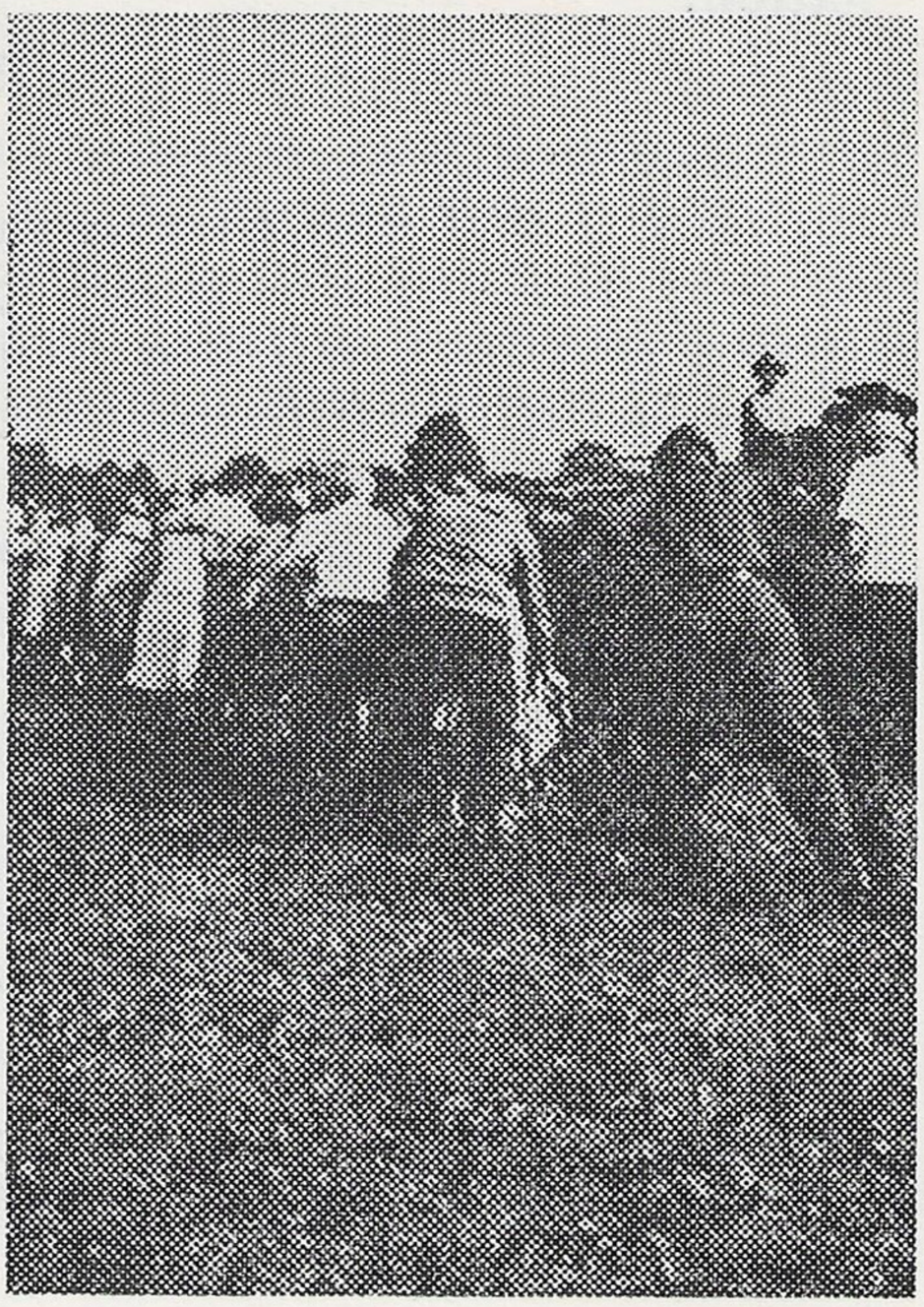
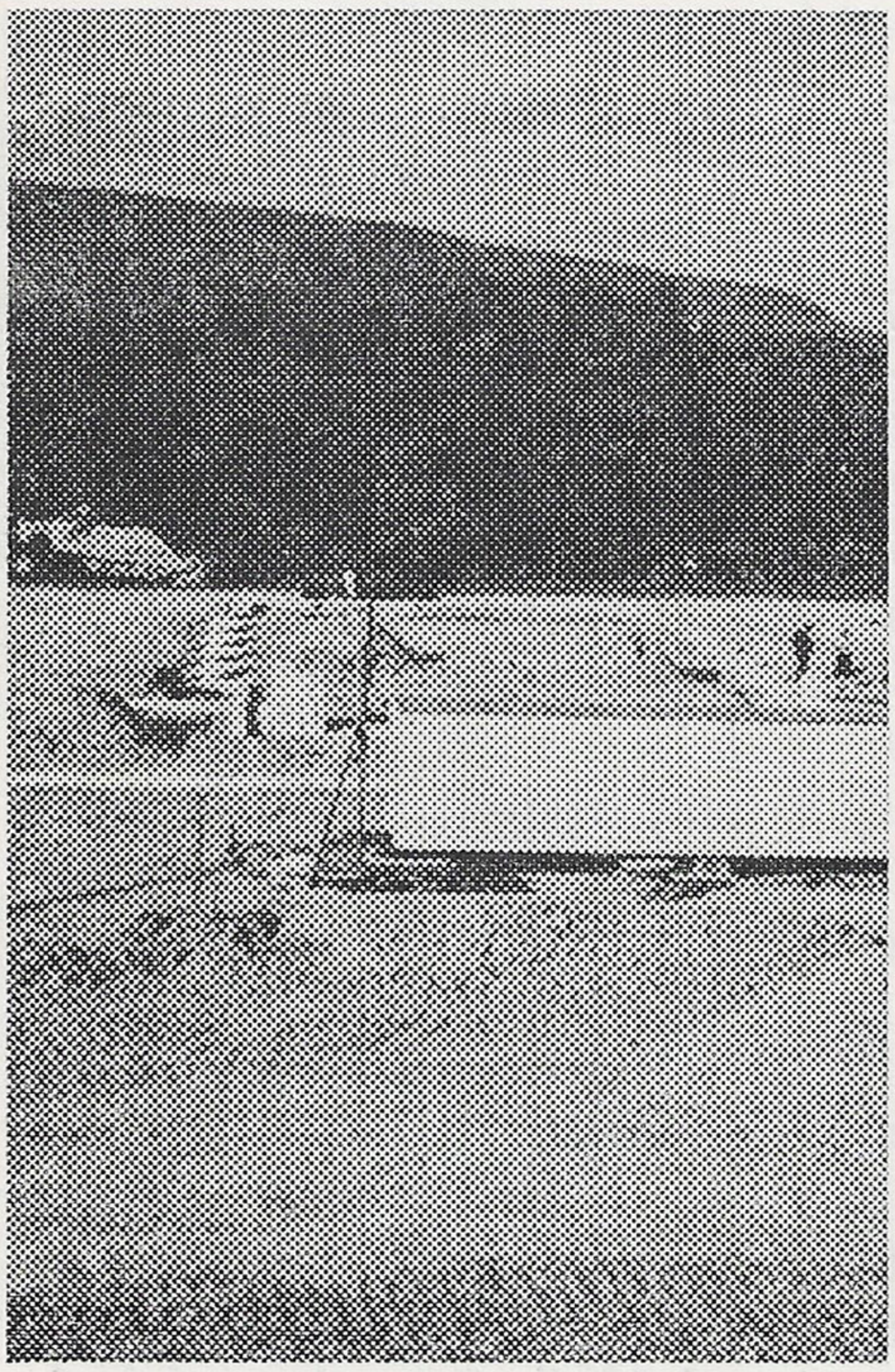
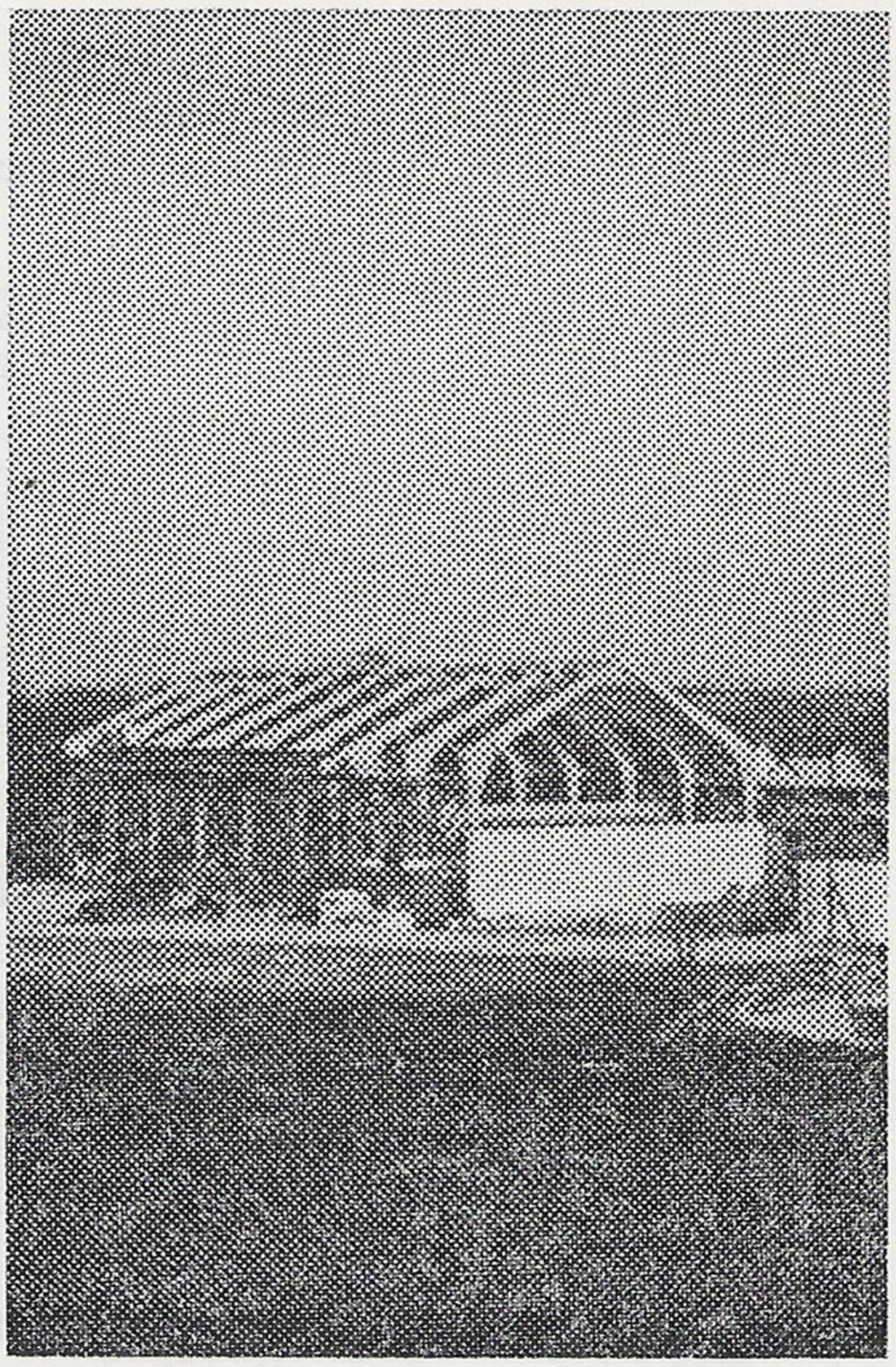


Pulling together

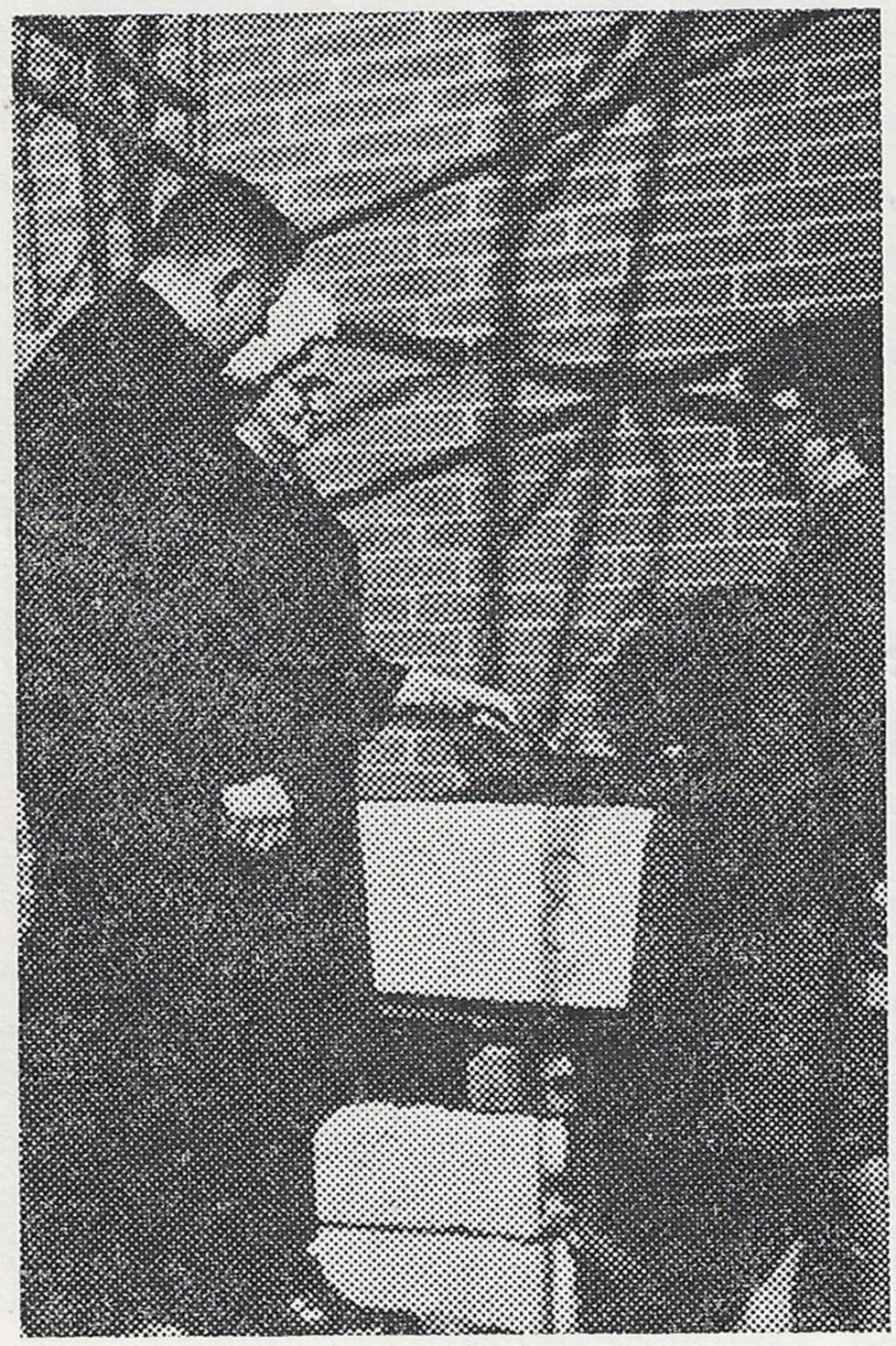


Built on a firm foundation

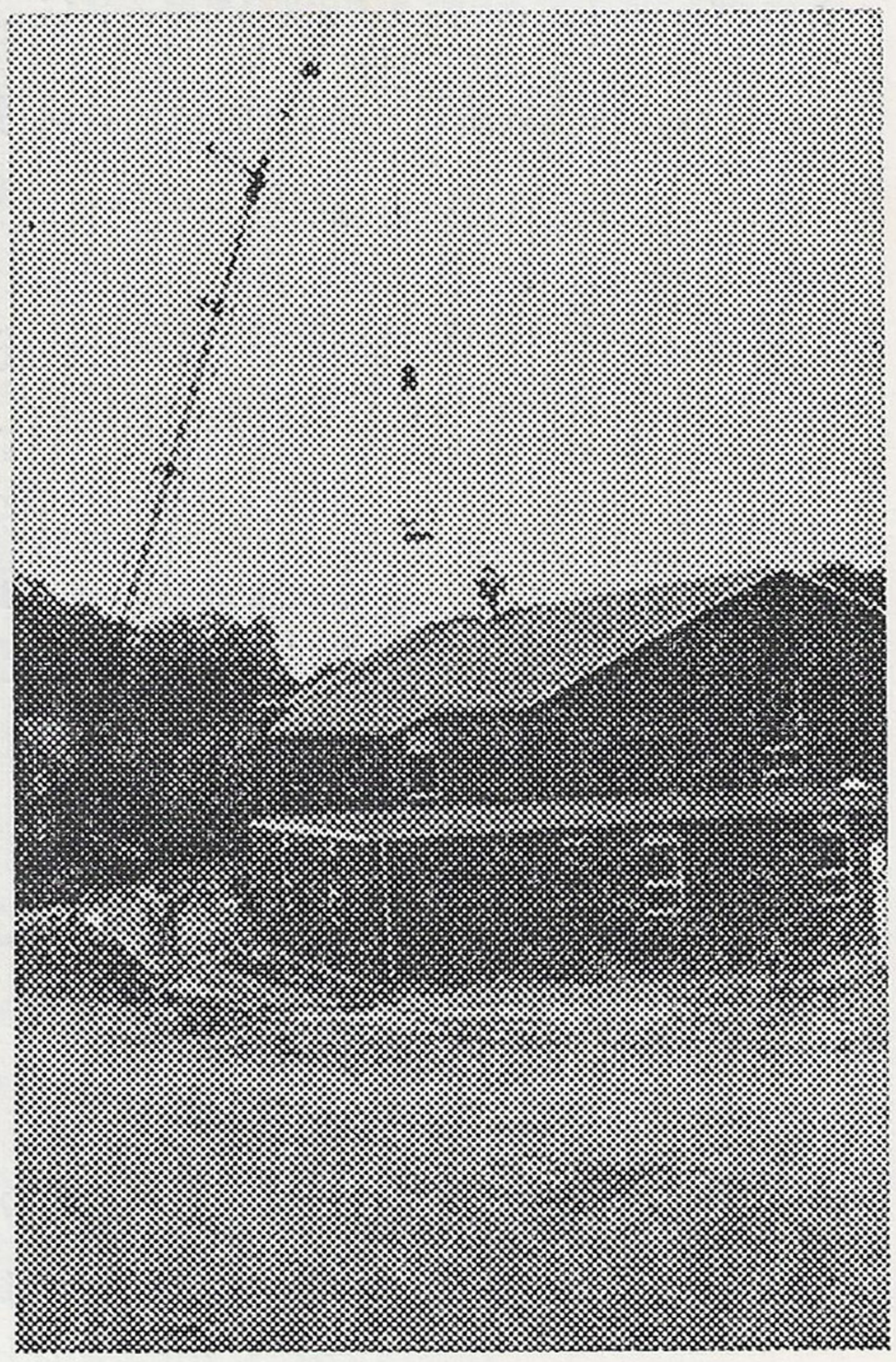


A prayerful skeleton

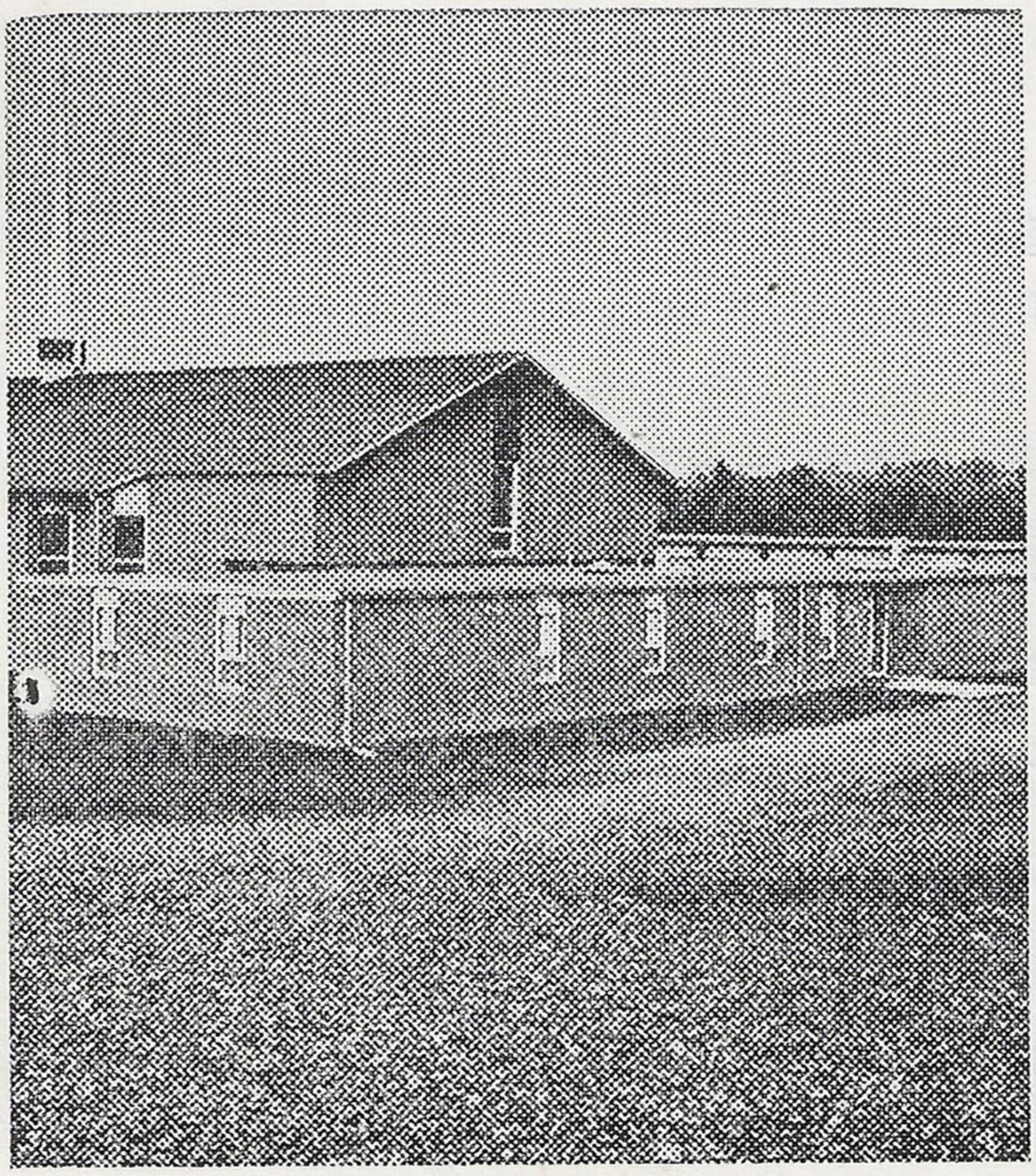
OF HOPE



Our heritage continues



The pinnacle of hope



The beginning

Welcome

Dedication Week Services

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21:

10:15 A.M. Message — The Rev. George L. Harting, Jordan U.C.C., Walberts, Pa.

7:30 P.M. Men's Choir, Folk Singers, and The Hand-bell Choir of St. John's U.C.C., Nazareth, Pa.

Mr. Floyd Schlegel, Choir Director

Message — The Rev. Earl Marks, Assistant Minister of the Penn Northeast Conference

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 — 7:30 P.M. —

OUR CHURCH'S MINISTRY

A Service of Recognition of Past Ministers and Sons of our Congregation

Message: The Rev. Joseph H. Heiney

Liturgists. The Rev. Bertram Werkheiser

The Rev. Richard Druckenbrod

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 — 7:30 P.M. —

ORGAN RECITAL

By William Whitehead, organist of First Presbyterian Church, Bethlehem

Dedication of the Organ

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, — 7:30 P.M. —

OUR CHURCH'S MINISTRY TO THE WORLD

Liturgists — Pastors of Wind Gap

Message — Mrs. Mabel Heimer and local I.C.Y.E students

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28:

10:15 A.M. — Message — The Rev. Forrest P. Miller

7:30 P.M. — DEDICATION SERVICE

Liturgist — The Rev. Harlan Breininger

Message — The Rev. Dr. William T. Longsdorf

PASTORS

ST. PETER'S CHURCH

Casper D. Weyberg	1763 - 1764	Christian Eichenberg	1848 - 1850
John D. Gross	1764 - 1765	Erasmus Helfrich	1850 - 1858
Frederick L. Henop	1765 - 1769	E. W. Reinecke	1858 - 1890
John William Pithan	1769 - 1770	T. O. Stem	1890 - 1891
William Weber	1771 - 1782	George J. Lisberger	1891 - 1902
John William Ingold	1783 - 1786	William H. Brong	1903 - 1935
Lebrecht F. Herman	1786 - 1790	Amandus S. Leiby	1936 - 1956
Christian L. Becker	1793 - 1795	Richard Druckenbrod	1957 - 1964
Thomas Pomp	1796 - 1848	Forrest P. Miller	1965 -

TRINITY CHURCH

William H. Brong	1903 - 1935	Richard Druckenbrod	1957 - 1964
Amandus S. Leiby	1936 - 1956	Forrest P. Miller	1965 -

SALEM CHURCH

Ivor Thomas	Abram Jones
Griffith Evans	John Ellis

Officers of the Congregation

President _____ Russell Roper
Vice-President _____ Robert J. Ealey
Secretary _____ Reuben Reese
Treasurer _____ Kenneth Lieberman
Financial Secretary _____ David Houck

CONSISTORY

Ray Achenbach	Kenneth Lieberman	Karl Stackhouse
John Ambrose	Ray Lieberman	Elmer Troxell
Ellsworth Davies	Miss Sandra Lilly	Paul Weaver
Mrs. LeRoy Hill	Paul Shoemaker	Roy Welser

BUILDING COMMITTEE

Co-Chairmen: Ellsworth Davies and George Nolf

Harold Achenbach	John Houck
Martin Anschau	Vaughn Jones
Mrs. Harry Bickford	John McWilliams
Robert Ealey	Mrs. Aaron Stackhouse
Olen Trach	

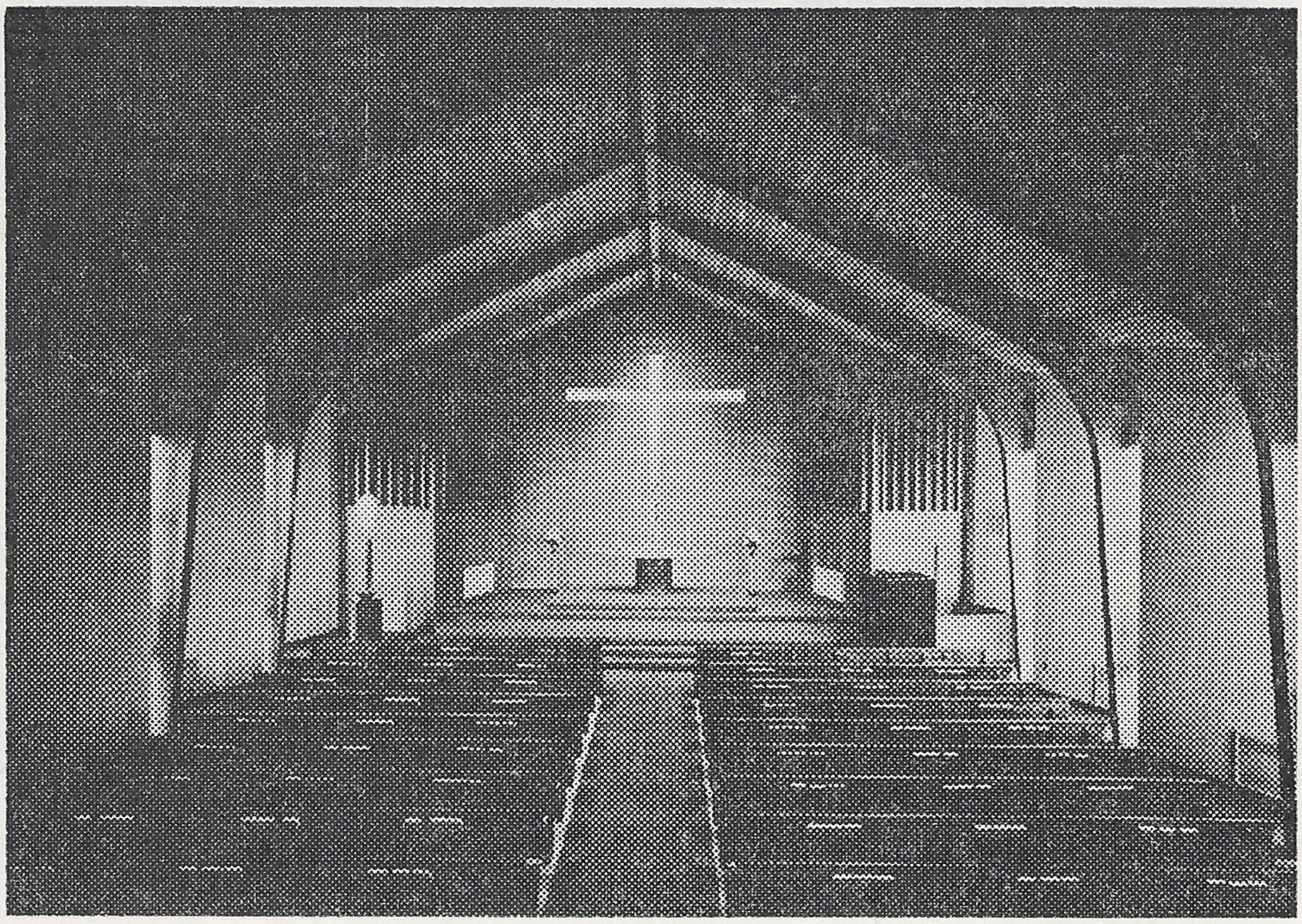
FINANCIAL CAMPAIGN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Co-Chairmen: Karl Stackhouse and Elmer Troxell
Treasurer _____ Mrs. Maynard Beal
Financial Treasurer ____ John Houck

CO-OPERATING FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Nazareth National Bank & Trust Co.
United Church Board for Homeland Ministries

Revelation of Hope



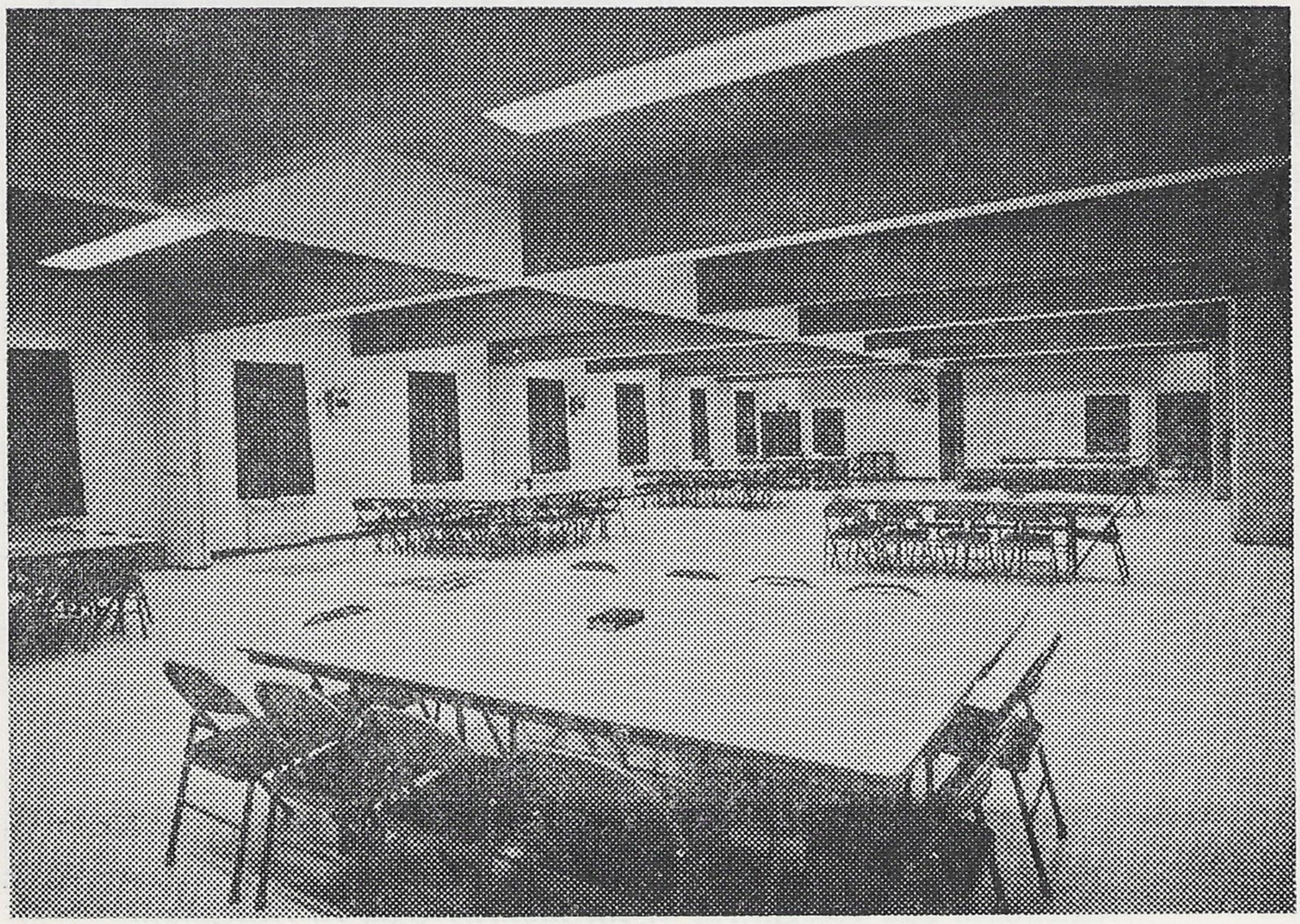
Hope Church symbolizes through its simplicity the strength of the modern church; stripped of the ornamental frills it stands ready to serve the community of Christ. Members in the corporate body of Christ are renewed through worship in a sanctuary designed to bring one's thoughts to the action conducted in the chancel area, and these same members are called upon to extend themselves through education, fellowship and service to the entire community.

The sanctuary of our new edifice focuses its attention on the chancel area with its "Beauty in Simplicity". Dominating this area are two unique structures — the cross and the altar. Hope's cross is actually three crosses in one. This represents the Trinity or the three Crosses of Calvary. The free standing altar, created as a labor of love, has a base made of slate, the "rock" which provides a solid foundation upon which the entire area can build and grow. Its design has different meanings to the people of Hope. To some it symbolizes our outreach to our fellowman. Others combine it with the cross to form an anchor — the "Anchor of Hope". Further analysis might reveal the idea that the entire sanctuary could be considered a study in contrast—the difference between the rough and smooth, the vertical and horizontal lines, and the curved and flat surfaces.

These contrasts could very easily represent the difference the "church" makes in all our lives. Beautiful, simple, efficient, practical, and symbolic have all been used to describe the new worship area, however, we hope it, above all, conveys two things to everyone — a feeling of Welcome and the presence of God.

The Christian Education wing containing 2 choir rooms, office facilities, 6 individual classrooms and a fellowship hall which easily houses 8 additional classroom areas, provides ample space for conducting the educational program. The kitchen, conference room and large fellowship hall give flexibility to the building and the program.

The Christian Education program is designed to meet the needs of its members, from nursery through adult groups. Beginning with the youngest members, the curriculum guides the development of Christian living with activities and issues confronting today's church. While this involvement is simple at the earliest levels it expands dramatically with the advent of confirmation and Christian service expected at the adolescent and adult levels. Active choirs, vibrant adult and youth fellowships, participation in denominational events, and cooperation with community endeavors enable Hope church members to live lives motivated by its educational program, and inspired through worship.



Memorials and Special Gifts

ALTAR — Mr. Roy Ealey and family in loving memory of Mrs. Julia Ealey

BAPTISMAL FONT BOWL AND BASE — Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Bush in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Clayton Bachman and Mr. & Mrs. S. Thomas Bush

CHANCEL WALL CROSS FACETED GLASS — Mr. Ellsworth Davies in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Humphrey Davies

CREDENCE SHELF — Mr. & Mrs. George J. Ponist in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Jenkins and Mr. John K. Ponist

BRONZE CANDLESTICKS — Mrs. Asa Kocher and family in loving memory of Asa B. Kocher

BRONZE VASES WITH ALUMINUM LINERS — Mr. & Mrs. William J. Knitter in loving memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. August Miller and Mr. & Mrs. Jacob Knitter

ALTAR PARAMENTS — St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

USHER BADGES — Mr. & Mrs. Roy B. Welser in honor of their son, Byron R. Welser

MISSAL STAND — Ruth A. Werkheiser and son, David in loving memory of Floyd W. Werkheiser

PULPIT BIBLE — Mrs. Florence Bierman and family in loving memory of husband, Morris and son, Russell

CHRISTIAN FLAG — The former Sunshine Class of Trinity Union Church in loving memory of Mrs. T. C. Henschen

AMERICAN FLAG — To the glory of God by Theodore Schlough and Ray Achenbach

CREATIVE PLAYTHINGS AND TEACHING EQUIPMENT FOR THE NURSERY AND KINDERGARTEN — Mrs. George Heimer in loving memory of George W. Heimer

PASTOR'S OFFICE CARPET — Mr. & Mrs. Warren Houck in loving memory of twin daughter baby Houck

BALCONY STAINED GLASS WINDOW — dedicated to the glory of God by Pastor and Mrs. Forrest P. Miller and the architects, Jack Williams, AIA and Robert K. Schultz, AIA

GUEST REGISTRY — Mr. & Mrs. Maynard S. Beal and family

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE — Mrs. Sadie Smickley in loving memory of her husband, J. Sherman Smickley

REPOSITORY FOR BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE — Mr. & Mrs. Vaughn Jones in loving memory of their parents, Mr. & Mrs. Clarence E. Werner and Mr. & Mrs. William O. Jones

PEWS —

(5) Mr. Clarence Heller in loving memory of his wife, Mary A. Heller

(2) Mr. Ray Achenbach in loving memory of his father, William E. Achenbach and recognition of his mother, Cula A. Achenbach

Memorials and Special Gifts

(2) Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Shoemaker in loving memory of their son, George R. Shoemaker

(2) Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Metz in loving memory of their infant daughter

(1) Mrs. Cora Renner in loving memory of her husband, Howard C. and recognition of Mrs. Cora M. Renner

(1) Mr. & Mrs. Elmer I. Troxell in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Albert Stannard and Mr. & Mrs. Isaiah Troxell

(1) The former members of the Harmony Class of Trinity Union Church in loving memory of Claude Steiner and recognition of his wife, Irene

(1) Mrs. John Lilly in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Sylvester Lilly and Mr. & Mrs. Paul Correll

(1) Mr. & Mrs. Peter Hahn and son, Sherwood in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Erasmus Hahn and family

(1) Mr. & Mrs. Ralph H. Wagner, Carrie Wagner, Mrs. John Lobb, Mrs. Wilber Jeffery, Mr. John E. Thomas in loving memory of Ida Setzler Rahn, Mary Elizabeth Wagner, Robert E. Wagner and Johanna Peters Thomas

(1) John H. Lieberman Sr. and sons, Ray and Kenneth in loving memory of their wife and mother, Mrs. John H. Lieberman, Sr.

(1) Mr. & Mrs. Roy L. Shoemaker and family, Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Werkheiser and family, Mr. & Mrs. Elwood P. Wilson and family, and Mrs. Charlotte Wilson and family in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Thomas P. Wilson and Mr. Clair L. Wilson

PULPIT SCREEN AND SEDALLIA — Mr. & Mrs. William J. Knitter in loving memory of their parents, Mr. & Mrs. August Miller and Mr. & Mrs. Jacob Knitter

LUMINAIRE OVER BAPTISMAL FOUNT — To the glory of God by Mr. & Mrs. Karl Stackhouse

PARAMENT STORAGE CABINET — To the glory of God by Mr. & Mrs. Harry Bickford

VESTMENT CABINET — Mr. & Mrs. Ralph H. Wagner, Carrie Wagner, Mrs. John Lobb, Mrs. Wilber Jeffery, and Mr. John E. Thomas in loving memory of Ida Setzler Rahn, Mary Elizabeth Wagner, Robert E. Wagner and Johanna Peters Thomas

COMMUNION WARE CABINET — Viola and Nelson Remel, Mrs. Berniece Abel, and Miss Betty Abel in loving memory of Mrs. Laura Siegel

ADJUSTABLE OPEN SHELVING IN SACRISTY — Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Hower in loving memory of William H. Davies

SACRISTY SINK AND STORAGE CABINET — Mr. & Mrs. Stanley F. Snyder in honor of their five children and their families

TOWER SPEAKER — Mrs. Oscar Heimer in recognition of Mrs. Oscar Heimer and loving memory of her husband, Oscar Heimer

PASTOR'S OFFICE FURNITURE — Mr. & Mrs. Paul Lilly and Sandra Lilly in recognition of the family

SECRETARY'S OFFICE FURNITURE — Miss Miriam Lilly to the glory of God

Memorials and Special Gifts

FOLDING CHAIRS —

(6) Mr. & Mrs. Ralph H. Wagner, Carrie Wagner, Mrs. John Lobb, Mrs. Wilber Jeffery, Mr. John E. Thomas in loving memory of Ida Setzler Rahn, Mary Elizabeth Wagner, Robert E. Wagner and Johanna Peters Thomas

(6) Rebecca Susan Miller in loving memory of her grandmother, Mrs. Lila G. Miller

FOLDING TABLES —

(3) Mr. & Mrs. Paul Weaver in loving memory of Anna May and Robert D. Weaver

(2) Mrs. Emma S. Teel in loving memory of her husband, Lloyd J. Teel

(1) Schoudt children — Mae, Beatrice, Florence and Charles, Jr. in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Schoudt, Sr.

TABLES FOR CONFERENCE ROOM — (4) Mr. & Mrs. Aaron Stackhouse in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. James E. Houck

CHAIR TRUCKS — (5) Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Correll in loving memory of their grandparents

KITCHEN EQUIPMENT — 1 stove and 1 refrigerator — Mr. Steve Fedon in recognition of Valerie Jean and Michael McNulty

LANDSCAPING — to the glory of God by the 1969 Confirmation Class of Hope U.C.C.

GENERAL MEMORIAL FUND —

$1000.00 by Mrs. Anna B. Keiper in loving memory of her husband, Walter E. Keiper and nephew, George R. Shomaker

$100.00 by John H. Lieberman, Sr. in loving memory of his wife, Mrs. John H. Lieberman, Sr.

$91.00 by the former Sunshine Class of Trinity Union Church to be used toward the purchase of hymnals in loving memory of Rev. & Mrs. T. C. Henschen

$50.00 by the Schoudt children in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Schoudt, Sr.

$30.00 by Mrs. Hilda Oliver in recognition of Darrel, Karen and Sandra Hill

$25.00 to the glory of God by Tracy Lynn Davis

$21.50 by the former members of the Harmony Class of Trinity Union Church in loving memory of Claude Steiner and recognition of his wife, Irene

$5.00 by Edith M. Lake in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Albert E. Heller

TIME AND LABOR given to the glory of God by volunteers who worked on various special projects for our congregation as they performed many labors of love in memory of their forefathers

Those Who Helped Build Hope Church

ARCHITECT

Jack Williams, A.I.A., Allentown, Pa.

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J. W. Van Horn, Inc., Allentown, Pa.

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Electric _____ Murry Electric Co., Inc.
Weatherstrip _____ Morgan Co.
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Coat Racks _____ Wagner Assoc. (Krueger)
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Grading for streets _____ Fred Faulstick
Paints _____ Wind Gap Coal & Lumber
Kitchen Appliances _____ Steve Fedon
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